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Re: FOIL Request  
FOIL #: 2020FR0753

Dear Emma Best:

This letter is to acknowledge the record request you submitted to the New York City Department of Correction (copy enclosed). The Department expects to notify you within twenty (20) business days of this letter whether it will grant or deny your request either in whole or in part, pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law, Section 89(3).

Very truly yours,

Laura S. Mello  
Records Access Officer

Enclosure  
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**From:** donotreply@records.nyc.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 6:08 AM  
**To:** 80715-49719050@requests.muckrock.com  
**Subject:** [OpenRecords] Request FOIL-2019-072-00112 Submitted to Department of Correction (DOC)

Your request FOIL-2019-072-00112 has been successfully submitted to the Department of Correction (DOC). The details of your request are shown below.

**Request Title:** Expenditures relating to visits from federal officials (Department of Correction)

**Request Description:** To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law, I hereby request the following records: Records describing, authorizing or mentioning expenses or personnel assignments in response to or accommodation of visits from officials in the federal government between January 1, 2001 and the present. I am a member of the news media and request classification as such. I have previously written about the government and its activities, with some reaching over 100,000 readers in outlets such as Gizmodo, MuckRock, Motherboard, Property of the People, Unicorn Riot, and The Outline, among others. As such, as I have a reasonable expectation of publication and my editorial and writing skills are well established. In addition, I discuss and comment on the files online and make them available through non-profits such as the library Internet Archive and the journalist non-profit MuckRock, disseminating them to a large audience. While my research is not limited to this, a great deal of it, including this, focuses on the activities and attitudes of the government itself. As such, it is not necessary for me to demonstrate the relevance of this particular subject in advance. As my primary purpose is to inform about government activities by reporting on it and making the raw data available, I request that fees be waived. The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires. Sincerely, Emma Best  
Upload documents directly:

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You can view the request and take any necessary action at the following webpage: <https://a860-openrecords.nyc.gov/request/view/FOIL-2019-072-00112>.